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REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-12 and 15-18 on various grounds. These claims have been withdrawn.

The Examiner has objected to claim 13 and 14 as being dependent on rejected claims. Claims 13 and 14 have been rewritten in independent form so as to include all of the limitations of previous claim 1, the sole claim on which they were dependent. Claim 14 has also been amended to provide antecedent for the active switching fabric plane and the back-up switching fabric plane.

Favourable reconsideration is requested.

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